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LB 471, 682, 724, 724A, 807, 928

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Beutler amendment is adopted. May I introduce some guests of Senator Rupp, please. Under the north balcony are several guests from Omaha, Nebraska, Tony Uphoff, Tom Moore, Serge Tran, Tom Tracy, and from Columbus, Nebraska, Mr. Jason Smith. Would you please stand and be recognized by your Legislature. Thank you. Mr. Clerk. Our level of conversation is a little loud, shall we please hold it down a little so we can hear the speakers better. Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, if I may very quickly, Senator DeCamp has amendments to 807. (See pages 1496-98 of the Legislative Journal.) 724, 724A, 682 and 471 are all reported to Select File, Mr. President. (See pages 1498-1500 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is by Senator Chambers and Beutler. (Read the Beutler-Chambers amendment as found on page 1501 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I hope you will listen closely to this particular one because it is perhaps the most important of the four that we have discussed so far. This particular amendment relates to that portion of the bill that says that a parent or legal guardian of any child attending a church program shall violate Section 79-201...that is a criminal penalty provision, will violate that section if they do one of a number of things, not all of them but one or more of them. And one of the things that would subject them to a criminal penalty is providing...is that if the affidavit or the information provided by the parent or legal guardian contains a false statement of material fact. Okay, now note carefully. It does not say, knowingly. Okay, you submit a false statement of material fact. Bam, criminal sanction. Or it would be a criminal sanction if you could ever get away with it but you would never get away with it because the court would throw it out for being too vague immediately. So that is the first reason why I am against this is because it is perfectly ridiculous and nobody would